

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Mabel Witham, a Fourteen-Year-Old Girl, Shot in Missoula.

CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS

Mrs. Mulligan, While Shooting at a Target With a Small Calibre Rifle, Kills Her Neighbor.

Special to the Standard.

MISSOULA, June 15.—An unusually sad accident occurred this morning. As a result, the form of Mabel Witham, daughter of S. T. Witham, lies cold in death, while a heart broken family gather around it and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mulligan are stricken with grief.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan reside at the corner of Railroad and Washington streets near the N. P. round house. Their residence faces to the north and is near the front fence. This morning Mrs. Mulligan was shooting at a mark with a Quackenbush 22-calibre target rifle and Bill caps. The target consisted of a small block of wood placed on the back fence. Mrs. Mulligan stood at the front fence and Mr. Mulligan was in the back yard watching the results of his wife's shots. Miss Witham's home is north of the round house at the foot of the hill. Yesterday she took part in the children's day exercises at the Methodist church, and this morning was going down there to get some flowers she had contributed towards the decorations. She was going down Washington street and had reached the corner of Spruce street about 10 minutes of 11. Spruce street is the next street south of Railroad, and the lot at the corner of Spruce and Washington, which backs against the alley in the rear of Mr. Mulligan's lot is vacant, and the distance from there to Mr. Mulligan's front fence is about 280 feet. Mrs. Mulligan shot at the mark and missed it. The ball flew on and struck Miss Witham behind the left ear as she was at the crossing of Washington and the north side of Spruce. She fell, and Bert Walling, a little boy who was with her, cried out, "You have hit her." Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Mulligan had seen her, as their back fence is a high one made of boards close together. When Mr. Mulligan heard the little boy's outcry he rushed to the scene. At first he supposed Miss Witham was only stunned, as he had no idea the ball would go so far with fatal effect. When he picked her up and saw her head was bleeding, he thought she had received a scalp wound. She was moved to the nearest house and Dr. Hanson was summoned, but when he reached her she was cold in death. The remains were conveyed to her home, where her family were overwhelmed with grief. Miss Witham's age was 14 years and seven months. Those who knew her say she had a sweet disposition and was loved by many friends. Judge Case said this afternoon, "She was one of the brightest scholars in the public schools."

Mr. Witham was seen soon after the accident. He had been called from the Northern Pacific shops, where he works, and knew nothing of the particulars of the awful accident except by hearsay. Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan were not seen at their residence. Mr. Mulligan is a fireman on the Northern Pacific. Both he and his wife feel the deepest sorrow over the sad affair. He said: "I had no idea the gun would carry so far. It is merely a house target rifle for short range shooting, and is not supposed to carry with dangerous results more than 50 feet. I was once shot in the forehead by one at close range, and was not hurt, and it was probably that that made me careless. I have used the rifle and let my wife and little brother use it. I can scarcely understand how she was killed, but the doctor says the ball struck her in one of the tenderest parts of the head."

Troubles have come upon the Witham family in rapid succession of late. Early in the spring the Associated Press dispatches announced the death in New Mexico of young Mr. Witham, which occurred while he was coupling cars. Now this awful bereavement has overtaken the family. A large circle of friends extend the most sincere sympathy.

As soon as Coroner Myers heard of the accident and its fatal results, he empaneled a jury and this afternoon held an inquest. It came out that Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan were using two kinds of cartridges indiscriminately. Both are fulminate caps and contain no powder, one being the ordinary B. B. caps used in Flobert rifles and the other being stronger ones with conical balls. With each box of the latter comes a caution against using them in Flobert, as they are of unusual strength. The jury brought in the following verdict:

An inquisition held at Missoula, in the county of Missoula, on the 15th day of June, 1892, before me, N. J. Myers, coroner of said county, upon the body of Mabel Witham, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oaths say that the said Mabel Witham came to her death from a bullet wound caused by a bullet fired from a gun in the hands of Mrs. J. E. Mulligan, at Missoula, Missoula county, state of Montana, on the 15th day of June, 1892, and the jurors further find that the said Mrs. J. E. Mulligan and her husband, J. E. Mulligan, were criminally negligent and careless in discharging guns and firearms within the limits of the city of Missoula and without taking proper precautions to prevent injury or accident or the destruction of human life.

(Signed)

FRANK THOMAS,
SAMUEL MITCHELL,
EDWARD MAHER,
W. H. MACE,
S. T. ANDERSON,
C. C. WYLLIE.

The funeral of Miss Witham will take place from the residence to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

All that was mortal of Peter Peters was laid at rest this afternoon. The funeral took place from Bradley & Lucy's undertaking establishment at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Eli Fisher conducted the services, after which a procession was formed headed by the carriage containing Rev. and Mrs. Fisher, followed by the Mascot band, a detachment of 21 members of Co. I, N. G. M., the detachment of Co. I was under command of First Sergeant Voelcher. In front of the hearse was the firing squad of four men and a sergeant marching with reversed arms. On either side of the hearse were the pall bearers, and in rear the remainder of the detail wearing sidearms. The procession moved to appropriate music by the band to the outskirts of the city, where the men took carriages and proceeded to the cemetery and performed the last sad

rites over the remains of their comrade.

Last night a considerable stir was created by the rumor that a floater had been seen in the river. An open valise went down stream, followed soon after by something rolled in a blanket. The object in the blanket went into the driftwood below town and afterward the blanket was recovered, but whatever was in it, if anything was there, got into the driftwood. Some of the drift was cut loose, but nothing was found, and now it is generally believed that the whole report about a body being there originated in somebody's fertile imagination.

Dr. Alden, medical director of the department of Dakota, is at Fort Missoula. Miss Alice Welch arrived from St. Paul Saturday evening, and will make her home with the family of her cousin, Dr. F. F. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hamilton have taken apartments in the residence of Mrs. Greenough on East Spruce street. Mr. Hamilton leaves to-morrow for the White Sulphur Springs and Castle districts where he will spend a month looking after his interests in stage lines there.

Children's day was celebrated at the Presbyterian and Methodist churches yesterday.

Attorney E. E. Hershey leaves for Demersville to-night to look after the Wilson addition, for which Hershey & McAlexander are the agents.

The jury this afternoon brought in a verdict against C. P. Dye for striking A. Allen at Grantsdale with a shovel, fixing his fine at \$50 and costs.

AMONG THE RACERS.

Records of Fast Horses Made at the Different Courses Yesterday.

CHICAGO, June 15.—Seven furlongs—Dollins won, Prince second, Sisolee third. Time, 1:30 1/4.

Six furlongs—Wightman won, Foreigner second, Kenyon third. Time, 1:16 1/4.

Six furlongs—Tom Karl won, Mollie second, Renounce third. Time, 1:16.

Nine furlongs—Racine won, Fayette second, Jake Sanders third. Time, 1:56 1/4.

Six furlongs—McGinty won, Burt Johnson second, Crispin third. Time, 1:17.

At Morris Park.

MORRIS PARK, June 15.—Seven furlongs—India Rubber won, Walcott second, Flavia third. Time, 1:28.

Nine furlongs—Raceland won, Missive second, (only two starters). Time, 1:57 1/4.

One mile—L'Intriguante won, India Rubber second, Trinity third. Time, 1:41.

Six furlongs—Mr. Wilcox won, Disappointment second, Arnold third. Time, 1:14.

One mile—Kingston won, Surplus second, Punster, Jr., third. Time, 1:43.

Six furlongs, heats—Cynosure won, Rot second, Lynn third. Time, 1:13 1/2.

Second heat—Cynosure won, Lynn second, Blue Jeans third. Time, 1:13 1/2.

At St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, June 15.—Mile and fifty yards—Rump won, John Irwin second, Silver King third. Time, 1:47 1/2.

Five furlongs—Minnie L. won, Frank Kenny second, Orville third. Time, 1:02 1/2.

Mile—Ethel Gray won, Faithful second, Rorka third. Time, 1:42 1/4.

Mile and seventy yards—Joseph D. won, McDearwin second, Annie May third. Time, 1:59 1/2.

Nine furlongs—Shilboleth won, Gloucester second, Guide third. Time, 1:55 1/2.

Mile and fifty yards—Michael won, Whitney second, Balgown third. Time, 1:54 1/2.

Five furlongs—Carlsbad won, Invercauld second, Content third. Time, 1:03 1/2.

Mile and seventy yards—Top Gallant won, Duke of Sonora second, Jasper third. Time, 1:55 1/2.

SAM IS STILL IN IT.

Rev. Mr. Small Not Expelled From the Ministry.

PHILADELPHIA, June 15.—With reference to the report telegraphed from Denver Friday last Rev. Sam Small says the Colorado conference was misrepresented and himself damaged by an incorrect report; that it dismissed or expelled him from the Methodist ministry, he says that having resigned the presidency of the Utah university he asked to be reported to the Colorado conference and there discontinued from further connection. The vote in the matter was purely formal and in no sense condemnatory.

Fires Still Raging.

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 15.—There were several showers Saturday, but not sufficient rain fell to extinguish the forest fires which have been raging in various parts of the province. Considerable destruction to property occurred within a short distance of this city.

American Sharpshooters.

ST. LOUIS, June 15.—The seventh annual tournament of the Western Sharpshooters' league of North America closed today after the distribution of \$10,000 in prizes. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Omaha in 1893.

DOTS AND DASHES.

Condensed News From Various Sections of the Union.

HAITIFORD, June 15.—Nine men were injured of whom two may die, by the falling of a scaffold this morning.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—H. D. Owen, the newly appointed superintendent of immigration, qualified this morning.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 15.—J. Donaldson and Ida Lundberg were drowned in Lake Union last evening by the capsizing of a boat.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Early this morning a tug boat ran into and sunk the yacht Emilia. Frank Jenkins and Wm. H. Hoban were drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—The first shipment of block tin, consisting of seven tons from the Temescal mines in this state, has been received here.

CEDAR RAPIDS Ia., June 15.—A. D. Cooley and C. H. Anderson of this city and two young ladies living at Rockford, were drowned at Rockford last evening by the capsizing of a boat.

CABLE FLASHES.

Small Items of News Gathered From Foreign Countries.

LISBON, June 15.—The minister of the interior is preparing a bill to prevent Portuguese emigration to America.

LONDON, June 15.—German Professors Virchow and von Sigmund have accused the German anti-semitism of being the origin of Russian persecution of the Jews.

BERLIN, June 15.—The illness from which Prince Bismarck is suffering is now said to be rheumatism of the spine. He has been confined to his bed for three days and has been suffering greatly.

LODZ, June 15.—A dispatch from Odessa says many Baptists have been banished from Caucasus and deprived of their children. The latter are to be educated in the Orthodox faith. It is reported that similar acts were committed in other parts of the country.

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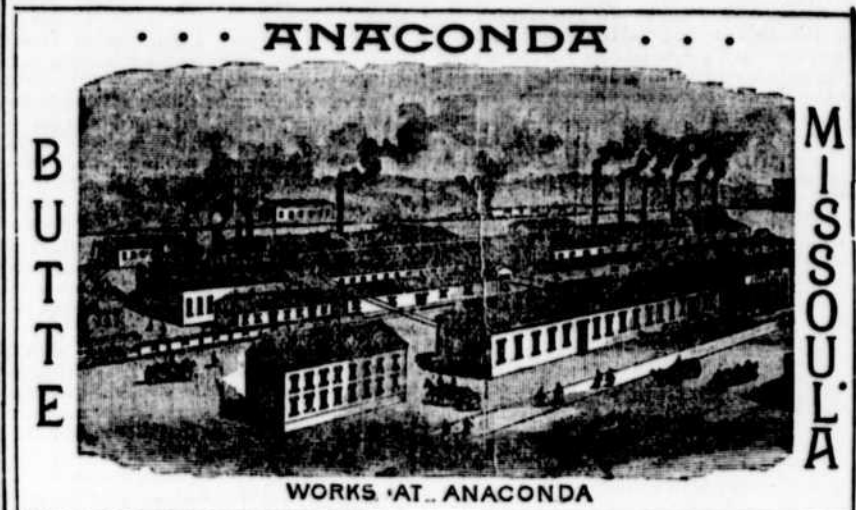
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